

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 46

YES on Proposition 46 will provide emergency shelters for battered women, affordable housing for seniors and low-income families, and shelters with social services for the homeless. That is why the Congress of California Seniors, the League of Women Voters of California, and the Association to Aid Victims of Domestic Violence strongly urge a YES vote on Proposition 46.

Importantly, this bond measure will be funded out of existing state resources without raising taxes.

In our communities, the problems of housing affordability, homelessness, and domestic violence have gotten progressively worse. According to the State Department of Housing, over 360,000 Californians are homeless and the numbers are rising.

Last year, 23,000 women and children were turned away from domestic violence shelters because they were full. Housing affordability for working families in California is at historic lows.

Safe shelter is fundamental to a decent life. YES on Proposition 46 will:

- Double the number of emergency shelter beds.
- Expand the number of shelter beds for battered women.
- Provide security improvements and repairs to existing shelters.
- Provide clean and safe housing for senior citizens and low-income families.

Additionally, Proposition 46 provides affordable housing for working people, accessibility improvements to apartments for disabled Californians, and loan assistance for military veterans, teachers, police and firefighters.

Proposition 46 also creates 276,000 jobs and helps improve the state's economy.

Allows Seniors to Live Independently: "This measure allows seniors to live in an apartment or home without the fear of being institutionalized in a nursing home. We strongly urge a YES on 46."—Congress of California Seniors

Helps Battered Women: "Most cities in California don't have adequate shelters for women and children who have been beaten and abused. Proposition 46 begins to fix this bad situation."—Statewide California Coalition for Battered Women and California State Sheriffs Association

Keeps Kids in School: "Proposition 46 provides shelter for thousands of homeless children, allowing them to attend neighborhood schools without having to worry about a roof over their head."—California Teachers Association

Independent Audits and Accountability: "This measure requires independent audits and contains strict accountability provisions to ensure the funds are used as promised. Every city and county will be eligible to receive housing funds."—California Chamber of Commerce

Loan Assistance for Veterans: "Our veterans have protected American interests at home and around the world. This measure makes available low-interest loans so they can purchase their first home."—Vietnam Veterans of California, Inc.

Critical Need For Housing and Emergency Shelters: "Proposition 46 provides shelter for those who need help the most—battered women, homeless mothers with children and disabled seniors."—Habitat For Humanity, Orange County

Yes on 46 provides emergency shelter and housing relief without raising taxes. It will help the 23,000 women and children turned away from domestic violence centers because they were full. It requires independent audits to ensure the funds are spent correctly. We urge you to vote YES on Proposition 46. Visit our website prop46yes.org.

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- Supporters say the interest—hundreds of millions of dollars annually—for this bond can be paid out of existing resources. WHAT EXISTING RESOURCES? California faces multi-billion dollar deficits as far as the eye can see. The reality is, we are going to have to cut programs or raise taxes, or both, to pay back this bond.
- Supporters claim this bond will support battered women's shelters. But there is NO GUARANTEE that passing this bond will provide ONE SINGLE BED for a battered woman or her child. There's no mention of battered women's shelters in this bond, IT IS SIMPLY A POLITICAL PLOY. Those shelters will have to compete with everyone else in the same bureaucratic process!
- Supporters also say this bond will help provide affordable housing. But areas with the most critical housing shortages in our state—places like suburbs of Los Angeles, San Diego, and the Bay Area—

won't qualify for these monies because the bond is written to favor urban downtowns.

Proposition 46 is a classic government boondoggle. Higher fees, taxes, and strict regulations have made housing unaffordable in California. Now the same folks who created the problem want you to let them "solve" it, using YOUR TAX DOLLARS!

It is time for us to attack the real problem, not just to subsidize a failing, costly system.

Proposition 46 is no solution. We encourage you to vote NO.

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